

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ROME 09906 181454Z

43

ACTION ACDA-19

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 IO-14 ISO-00 SCI-06 FEAE-00 AEC-11 H-03

CIAE-00 INR-11 NSAE-00 RSC-01 L-03 OIC-04 OMB-01 PA-04

PRS-01 PM-07 USIA-15 SAJ-01 SAM-01 SP-03 SS-20 TRSE-00

DRC-01 /152 W

----- 034703

R 181610Z JUL 74

FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5993

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

USMISSION GENEVA

USMISSION IAEA VIENNA

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 9906

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, IT

SUBJECT: ITALIAN NPT RATIFICATION

REF: ROME 5734

1. RESPONSIBLE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (FONTANA GIUSTI) CONFIRMED TO US REPORT IN JULY 11 L'UNITA THAT SENATE HAS APPROVED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO L'UNITA, AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY FOLLOWING ASSURANCES BY FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY PEDINI THAT GOI WOULD PROCEED WITH RATIFICATION OF NPT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SUCH ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM COMMUNIST SENATOR CALAMANDREI WHO NOTED FACT THAT GOI WAS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THE GENERAL TREATY WHILE NPT ITSELF HAD NOT BEEN SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY ACTION.

2. CLOSELY PARALLEL ARTICLES JULY 12 IN COMMUNIST DAILY L'UNITA AND FELLOW-TRAVELING PAESE SERA, EXPANDING ON CALAMANDREI STATEMENTS DURING SENATE DEBATE ON SAFEGUARDS ACCORD, ACCUSED HIGH-PLACED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS INCLUDING SECRETARY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ROME 09906 181454Z

GENERAL GAJA AND POLITICAL DIR/GEN DUCCI OF SEEKING TO BLOCK

RATIFICATION OF NPT. CITING RECENT ARTICLE SIGNED BY ROBERTO GUIDI (PSEUDONYM USED BY GAJA), CALAMANDREI CHARGED THAT DESPITE POLITICAL (I.E. PARLIAMENTARY) COMMITMENT AND WILL TO RATIFY TREATY, FOREIGN MINISTRY HOPED TO KEEP GOI NUCLEAR OPTION OPEN IN ORDER TO PLAY A LARGER ROLE IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT, VIS-A-VIS THE THIRD WORLD AND IN THE UN. (ARTICLE APPROVINGLY CITES NEW STATUS OF INDIA AS NON-MILITARY NUCLEAR POWER AND SUGGESTS THAT SIMILAR STATUS WOULD ENHANCE ITALIAN POSITION. TRANSLATION WILL FOLLOW BY POUCH).

3. PAESE SERA AND L'UNITA ARTICLES PARALLEL EMBASSY'S OWN LONG HELD SUSPICION THAT REAL OPPOSITION TO NPT IS AT SENIOR LEVELS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, RATHER THAN IN PARLIAMENT AS OUR FARNESINA SOURCES HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME CLAIMED. SOUNDINGS WHICH WE HAVE TAKEN WITH SELECTED PARLIAMENTARIANS HAVE TENDED TO CONFIRM OUR FEELING THAT PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION AMONG THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES AND IN THE COMMUNIST OPPOSITION IS MINIMAL. IF OUR SOUNDINGS ARE REPRESENTATIVE, SUCH OPPOSITION AS THERE MAY BE-ESPECIALLY AMONG CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS AND THE NEO-FASCISTS AND NATIONALIST MSI- WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY FALL SHORT OF EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION TO NPT RATIFICATION FORA.

4. WE SUSPECT, IN SHORT, THAT PAESE SERA IS IN THIS CASE CLOSE TO THE TRUTH, AND THAT THE EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION TO NPS IS CENTERED IN THE PROFESSIONALS AT THE FARNESINA. IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT SEEMS EVIDENT THAT FURTHER POUNDINGS ON FARNESINA DOORS WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE. WHAT SEEMS INDICATED AT THIS POINT IS AN APPROACH AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL, SUCH AS WAS SUGGESTED IN ROME 7675. REPLIES TO QUESTIONS POSED IN OUR 7675 AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED BEFORE WE UNDERTAKE A FURTHER EFFORT TO MOVE THIS MATTER FORWARD. VOLPE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NPT, TREATY RATIFICATION, CENTRAL LEGISLATURE, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 JUL 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974ROME09906
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740193-0823
From: ROME
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740738/aaaabgbq.tel
Line Count: 92
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ACDA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: ROME 5734
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 MAR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 MAR 2002 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <13 MAY 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ITALIAN NPT RATIFICATION
TAGS: PARM, IT
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005